

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendment to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

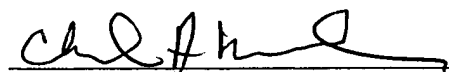
The claims in the application are claims 14 to 24, all other claims having been cancelled.

Claims 14 to 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The amended claims are believed to be definite. Claim 14 has changed from "brought by the culture medium" to --brought by the culture medium rich in calcium ions-- and "filtrating" to --filtering the mixture--. Claim 19, "in the liquid phase" has been suppressed and claim 20 now amended to provide antecedent basis. Claims 25 and 26 have been cancelled. Therefore, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

All the claims have been rejected on the ground of obviousness double patenting rejection based on the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,811,999. Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to the said patent and PTO Form 2038 for the \$65 disclaimer fee. Therefore, this ground of rejection is obviated.

In view of the amendment to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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